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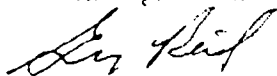
To: The Attorney General
From: Gary Reid
Date: January 28, 2002
Re: Microsoft Anti-Trust Settlement

From my viewpoint as a consumer, this suit needs to be resolved. I believe that this suit will cost me money. First, it has increased Microsoft's cost to do business; second, it has diverted efforts from producing a better product; and, third, the tax dollars spent on this suit exceed any possible savings to the public.

I believe that Microsoft's product is fairly priced when compared to the benefits obtained. I can be part of a communication revolution that has changed the world for less than \$200.00.

Does not Microsoft have a proprietary right to its systems? It appears that the patent holder of the hush hoop has more rights than the designers of this life-changing system.

The incorporation of the internet browser into the basic system is important to the consumer. It should not be separated to give a competitor an advantage. Several of the business practices that were in question have already been changed. If our economic system is to work, competitors need to produce better products -- not resort to politically driven litigation that results in poorer products for the purpose of bringing equality.


cc: Microsoft